

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJECT: TELEPHONE, TELEX, POSTAL STRIKE SETTLED, AIRLINE STRIKE  
CONTINUES

REF: DUBLIN 1149

1. THE STRIKING IRISH POST AND TELEGRAPH WORKERS HAVE VOTED TO  
ACCEPT THE LATEST SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS AND WILL RETURN TO WORK MAY 8.  
THE STRIKE, WHICH LASTED 13 WEEKS, HAS SERIOUSLY DISRUPTED COMMUNICA-  
TIONS ALTHOUGH MANAGEMENT KEPT A LIMITED SERVICE GOING. EXPORT  
BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY HARD HIT, THOUGH THE ESTIMATES OF  
THE ECONOMIC DAMAGE VARY CONSIDERABLY. IN THE END, THE WORKERS SEEM  
TO HAVE SETTLED FOR VERY LITTLE - MAINLY AN AGREEMENT TO EXPEDITE  
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VARIOUS PRODUCTIVITY CLAIMS AND OVERHAUL INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS  
MACHINERY. THERE WAS NO MONETARY SETTLEMENT.

2. THE AER LINGUS STRIKE CONTINUES THROUGH ITS SEVENTH WEEK.  
ENERGETIC NEGOTIATIONS SEEM STILL TO BE STALEMATED, THOUGH THERE ARE  
INDICATIONS THAT A BREAK COULD COME WITHIN THE WEEK. AER LINGUS  
MAINTAINS A SERVICE AT ABOUT 70 PERCENT OF NORMAL. WITH COMPUTERIZED

BOOKING OUT OF COMMISSION IT IS A HAPHAZARD OPERATION. WE CONTINUE TO ADVISE TRAVELLERS TO AND FROM DUBLIN TO MAKE LAST-MINUTE CHECKS ON RESERVATIONS AND FLIGHT AVAILABILITY.

3. COMMENT: THE LONG AND BITTER POST AND TELEGRAPH STRIKE, AFFECTING ALMOST THE ENTIRE POPULATION, HAS BEEN A SERIOUS EMBARRASMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, IN THE END THE GOVERNMENT'S HARD-LINE POLICY ALLIED WITH LACK OF POPULAR SYMPATHY FOR THE STRIKERS, HAS PRODUCED A SEEMING VICTORY FOR THE GOVERNMENT, BUT PERHAPS A PHYRRIC VICTORY AT BEST. THE DRIVE FOR INCREASED FOREIGN INVESTMENT HAS UNDOUBTEDLY SUFFERED A SETBACK. ANTIQUATED INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS MACHINERY, PARTICULARLY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE AREA, HAS HAD A THOROUGH EXPOSURE. THE END RESULT COULD WELL BE SALUTARY REFORMS, THOUGH THIS STRIKE IS MERELY A SYMPTOM OF BASIC PROBLEMS IN THIS QUICKLY CHANGING SOCIETY. SHANNON

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